<u>IN THE CLAIMS</u>:

            Please cancel Claims 5, 9, 24, 28, 39 and 41 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter recited therein.

            Please add new Claims 45-54 as follows.

            Claims 1-44.   (Cancelled).

            45.   (New) A method of controlling peripheral equipment connected to a network and managed by a directory server on the network, comprising:

            a first receiving step of receiving, from an information processing apparatus on the network, a print job together with an access ticket issued from the directory server;

            a storing step of storing the print job received in said first receiving step to a storing medium;

            a first decrypting step of decrypting the access ticket received together with the print job in said first receiving step;

            a first control step of determining validity of the access ticket received in said first receiving step based on the decrypting result of said first decrypting step and limiting execution of the print job received in said first receiving step;

a second receiving step of receiving, from an information processing apparatus on the network, a management command together with an access ticket issued from the directory server, at timing independent of said first receiving step;

a second decrypting step of decrypting the access ticket received together with the management command in said second receiving step; and

a second control step of determining validity of the access ticket received in said second receiving step based on the decrypting result of said second decrypting step and limiting execution of the management command,

wherein in the case where the management command received in said second receiving step is one for deleting a specified print job stored in the storing medium, said second control step determines whether or not user information in the decryption results of said second decrypting step corresponds to user information in the decryption results of said first decrypting step and limits execution of deleting said specified print job in said storing medium.

46. (New) The method according to claim 45, wherein the decrypting result of said first decrypting step includes information about permitted number of prints.

47. (New) The method according to claim 45, wherein in the case where the management command received in said second receiving step is one for displaying a list of jobs, said second control step changes a display form of the job list based on the decryption results of said second decrypting step.

48.   (New) Peripheral equipment connected to a network and managed by a directory server on the network, comprising:

a first receiving unit for receiving, from an information processing apparatus on the network, a print job together with an access ticket issued from the directory server;

a storing unit for storing the print job received by said first receiving unit;

a first decrypting unit for decrypting the access ticket received together with the print job by said first receiving unit;

a first control unit for determining validity of the access ticket received by said first receiving unit based on the decrypting result of said first decrypting unit and limiting execution of the print job received by said first receiving unit;

a second receiving unit for receiving, from an information processing apparatus on the network, a management command together with an access ticket issued from the directory server, at timing independent of said first receiving unit;

a second decrypting unit for decrypting said access ticket received together with the management command by said second receiving unit; and

a second control unit for determining validity of the access ticket received by said second receiving unit based on the decrypting result of said second decrypting unit and limiting execution of the management command,

wherein in the case where the management command received by said second receiving unit is one for deleting a specified print job stored in said storing unit, said second control unit determines whether or not user information in the decryption results of said second decrypting unit corresponds to user information in the decryption results of said first decrypting unit and limits execution of deleting the specified print job in said storing unit.

49.   (New) The peripheral equipment according to claim 48, wherein the decrypting result of said first decrypting unit includes information about permitted number of prints.

50.   (New) The peripheral equipment according to claim 48, wherein in the case where the management command received in said second receiving unit is one for displaying a list of jobs, said second control step changes a display form of the job list based on the decryption results of said second decrypting unit.

51.   (New) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program executed on a computer of peripheral equipment connected to a network and managed by a directory server on the network, the program causing the computer to execute a method comprising:

a first receiving step of receiving, from an information processing apparatus on the network, a print job together with an access ticket issued from the directory server;

a storing step of storing the print job received in said first receiving step to a storing medium;

a first decrypting step of decrypting the access ticket received together with the print job in said first receiving step;

a first control step of determining validity of the access ticket received in said first receiving step based on the decrypting result of said first decrypting step and limiting execution of the print job received in said first receiving step;

a second receiving step of receiving, from an information processing apparatus on the network, a management command together with an access ticket issued from the directory server, at timing independent of said first receiving step;

a second decrypting step of decrypting the access ticket received together with the management command in said second receiving step; and

a second control step of determining validity of the access ticket received in said second receiving step based on the decrypting result of said second decrypting step and limiting execution of the management command,

wherein in the case where the management command received in said second receiving step is one for deleting a specified print job stored in the storing medium, said second control step determines whether or not user information in the decryption results of said

second decrypting step corresponds to user information in the decryption results of said first decrypting step and limits execution of deleting the specified print job in the storing medium.

52.   (New) A method of controlling peripheral equipment connected to a network and managed by a directory server on the network, comprising:

a first receiving step of receiving, from an information processing apparatus on the network, a print job together with an access ticket issued from the directory server;

a storing step of storing the print job received in said first receiving step to a storing medium;

a first decrypting step of decrypting the access ticket received together with the print job in said first receiving step;

a first control step of determining validity of the access ticket received in said first receiving step based on the decrypting result of said first decrypting step and limiting execution of the print job received in said first receiving step;

an obtaining step of obtaining from the directory server, access information corresponding to a specified user;

an inputting step of inputting a management command from an operation panel of the peripheral equipment; and

a second control step of determining validity of the access information obtained in said obtaining step and limiting execution of the management command,

wherein in the case where the management command inputted in said inputting step is one for deleting a specified print job stored in the storing medium, said second control step determines whether or not user information in the access information corresponds to user information in the decryption results of said first decrypting step and limits execution of deleting the specified print job in the storing medium.

53.   (New) Peripheral equipment connected to a network and managed by a directory server on the network, comprising:

a first receiving unit for receiving, from an information processing apparatus on the network, a print job together with an access ticket issued from the directory server;

a storing unit for storing the print job received by said first receiving unit;

a first decrypting unit adapted for decrypting the access ticket received together with the print job by said first receiving unit;

a first control unit for determining validity of the access ticket received by said first receiving unit based on the decrypting result of said first decrypting unit and limiting execution of the print job received by said first receiving unit;

an obtaining unit for obtaining from said directory server, access information corresponding to a specified user;

an operating panel for inputting a management command; and

a second control unit for determining validity of the access information obtained in said obtaining unit and limiting execution of the management command,

wherein in the case where the management command inputted by said operating panel is one for deleting a specified print job stored in said storing unit, said second control unit determines whether or not user information in the access information corresponds to user information in the decryption results of said first decrypting unit and limits execution of deleting the specified print job in said storing unit.

54.   (New) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program executed on a computer of peripheral equipment connected to a network and managed by a directory server on the network, the program causing the computer to execute a method comprising:

a first receiving step of receiving, from an information processing apparatus on the network, a print job together with an access ticket issued from the directory server;

a storing step of storing the print job received in said first receiving step to a storing medium;

a first decrypting step of decrypting the access ticket received together with the print job in said first receiving step;

a first control step of determining validity of the access ticket received in said first receiving step based on the decrypting result of said first decrypting step and limiting execution of the print job received in said first receiving step;

an obtaining step of obtaining from the directory server, access information corresponding to a specified user;

an inputting step of inputting a management command from an operation panel of the peripheral equipment; and

a second control step of determining validity of the access information obtained in said obtaining step and limiting execution of the management command,

wherein in the case where the management command inputted in said inputting step is one for deleting a specified print job stored in the storing medium, said second control step determines whether or not user information in the access information corresponds to user information in the decryption results of said first decrypting step and limits execution of deleting the specified print job in the storing medium.